



# The Whisper

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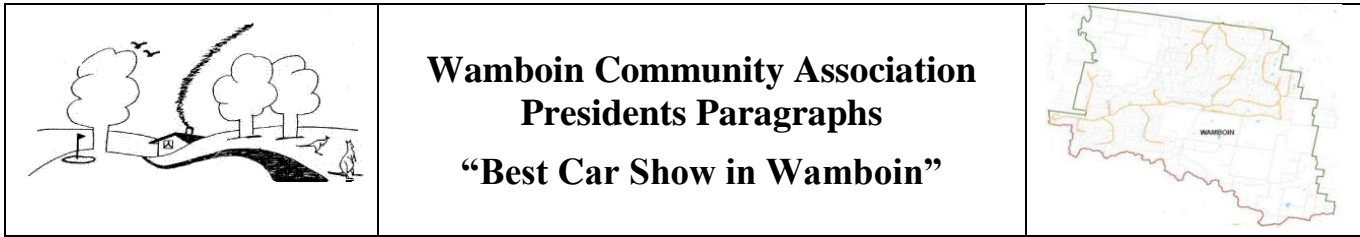


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**Wheels of Wamboin Democracy Edition** – The Wheels of Wamboin broke all attendance records with around 260 cars, trucks and motorbikes on display (I ran out of numbers at 250). It was an amazing turnout no doubt helped by amazing weather and the Federal Election polling booth at the Wamboin Hall. The vehicles just kept rolling in to the point where we were nearly out of room on the oval. A big thanks to Scomo for calling the election on Wheels of Wamboin day, the Wamboin RFS for helping out marshalling and the BBQ, Meriel for helping to coordinate the markets and Lou for keeping the coffee flowing. Also a big thanks to Shannon’s Insurance for event sponsorship on the day and once again Contentious Character for prize support and most importantly all the folks who bought their pride and joy out for the rest of us to enjoy. All up it was a great day out and hope to see you next year. There are photos on the Wheels of Wamboin facebook page.

**2019 Federal Election** – Well the Federal election was also run and won. The sitting member for Eden Monaro, Mike Kelly, looks to have returned to his seat (although we note that postal votes are still being counted). On a two party preferred basis Mike polled 46,748 votes to the Liberals Fiona Kotvojs 45,434 votes (86.55% counted at time of printing). Mike also won the Wamboin booth 310 votes to 246 votes. We will update on the final count next month.

**2019 Bonfire and Fireworks Night** - This years Bonfire and fireworks night will be held on Saturday 31 August . Brought forward this year to avoid any early declaration of the fire season, this very family oriented experience is one of the most anticipated community gatherings of the year. Don't miss out on the food & drink, the bonfire, the spectacular fireworks - the fun. Food and drinks from 5:30pm at Wamboin Community Hall.

**Kowen Winter Trail Run** - The next Kowen Trail Run will be held on Sunday 16 June. It will have a marathon, half marathon, and a 12 km walk/run. For further details go to [www.kowen-trail-run.com](http://www.kowen-trail-run.com)

**June Home Produce Market** – This is our last market (15 June) before the winter shutdown (next one in September). Make sure you make it down to grab some local produce and hand made goods (the coffee and food is also great and perfect for a winter morning).

**Wamboin Social Drop-In Group** – the drop in group is now running 10 am – 12 noon every Thursday. Drop into the Wamboin Community Hall for morning tea and activities. Everyone is welcome.

**Table Tennis** - Thursday evening table tennis is on at the Wamboin Community Hall between 6 & 9 p.m. All are welcome (you don't have to be an expert). Come for as long as you wish. Light refreshments will be provided & a gold coin donation will help cover costs. Contact Mike on 0406 606 238, [mikemuston@gmail.com](mailto:mikemuston@gmail.com) for more info. See you there.

**New Members** – Be a part of your local community and help make Wamboin great. We welcome new members to our monthly meetings. It's only one evening a month and you get to meet others in the local community.

**WCA Monthly General Meeting** –The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall. - **Peter Evans - President.** *We are Wamboin !*

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BCA Meetings: Thurs 20 June and Thurs 18 July 2019, 7.30pm at the Bywong Hall, Birriwa Road. All are welcome to join the discussion and contribute ideas that will 'Bring Bywong Together'.

### Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone Bywong and Wamboin

A verbatim extract from the QPRC Minutes on the latest episode in this saga, (which has run for 18 months and cost \$100,000 of rate-payers' money) follows below. To find out what it all means you should contact QPRC Councillors.

**Extract from Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held 22 May 2019.**

### **10.1 Planning Report - Review of E4 Environmental Living Zone Bywong and Wamboin RESOLVED (Hicks/Schweikert)**

*That Council:*

1. *Receive the consultants' reports.*
2. *Retain land identified in the consultants' reports as being wholly or predominantly Class 1 or 2 as E4 Environmental Living zone.*
3. *Prepare a planning proposal to rezone land identified in the consultants' reports as being wholly or predominantly Class 3 land as R5 Large Lot Residential zone. The planning proposal should give consideration to minimising split zonings and fragmentation and isolation of zone boundaries.*
4. *Not include amending the Palerang Local Environment Plan (PLEP) Clause 6.3 map "Terrestrial Biodiversity" to include the consultants Class X mapped lands for the following reasons:*
  - a. *the consultant's report refers to Class X land as having "potential" to contain native grasslands and or habitat of a critically endangered species rather than establishing that the Class X mapped land contains native grasslands and or habitat of a critically endangered species*
  - b. *inclusion of Class X as incorporated in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map and Clause 6.3 of the PLEP would apply to both land within the E4 Environmental Living zone as well to land within the R5 Large Lot residential zone*
  - c. *the existing provisions of the PLEP already require adequate consideration of the impacts on biodiversity*
  - d. *Implementation of the Class X layer would be unwieldy and unnecessary and will result in greater complexity for residents and greater cost when lodging development applications.*
5. *Reference in the Planning Proposal that it is Council's assessment that a Local Housing Strategy can be dispensed with in this case as no change to the minimum lot size or density of development is proposed.*
6. *Prepare the Planning Proposal as a separate proposal and if finalised in time be amalgamated with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Environment Plan (comprehensive LEP).*

*For: Crs Biscotti, Bray, Brown, Hicks, Noveska, Overall and Schweikert.*

*Against: Crs Harrison, Marshall and Winchester*

**"Electric Vehicles"** On 16 May, BCA hosted a community meeting at which Darryl Bourke, Bywong resident since 2000 and past President of BCA, lead an interactive discussion on Electric Vehicles with an audience of around 20 interested locals. Darryl covered the basic differences between an electric vehicle and one with an internal combustion engine, including running and servicing costs, and the multiple charging options, including via domestic solar panels. Thanks, Darryl – you chaired a lively discussion and left us all with a better picture of the (much quieter!) road ahead.

### **Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton Region fibre optic network project:**

Just a reminder:

- Trenching/installation for the fibre network will commence once consultation with NSW Govt is complete and should be complete around 18 months later.
- The network will connect up to 1300 properties in the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton area.
- Connection fees are estimated at around \$300 per premise.
- Internet service plans will be available through a range of competing providers, so will be similar in price to NBN plans available in Qbyn and ACT.
- A fibre optic connection will likely add 1-8% to your property value.

IF you are interested, you should sign up/register VERY SOON. Signing up/registering now does NOT commit you in any way but DOES mean that the project team can work with the preferred installer to better design the network around demand and to include you on potential cable routes. Signing up also means that you will receive news updates.

For more information and to sign up/register your interest, go to the project website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wamboincommunications/home> (where you can also view a map showing the level of registration interest in the area, and request a map showing the status of properties surrounding your own (NO personal/address information is disclosed). OR, if you decide you are not interested in the project, please let the project team know why, as this is also very useful feedback.

**Keep in touch with BCA via the BCA website:** [www.bywongcommunity.org.au](http://www.bywongcommunity.org.au) and **BCA Facebook Page**, where we welcome YOU to contribute your ideas and/or get involved with any of our events.

-Mike Wilkins, President, Bywong Community Association, 0417458320, Email: [president@bywongcommunity.org.au](mailto:president@bywongcommunity.org.au)



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<p><b>Be Herd Networking Neighs</b> breakfast 3rd Friday monthly <b>Bookings:</b> <a href="mailto:caithe78@gmail.com">caithe78@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Tanja Mitton – Rider Posture and Mindset for Coaches Workshop</b> 30 August 2019 <b>Bookings:</b> <a href="mailto:sheronypark@bigpond.com">sheronypark@bigpond.com</a></p>	<p><i>To book facilities at Sherony Park contact Sheridan</i></p>

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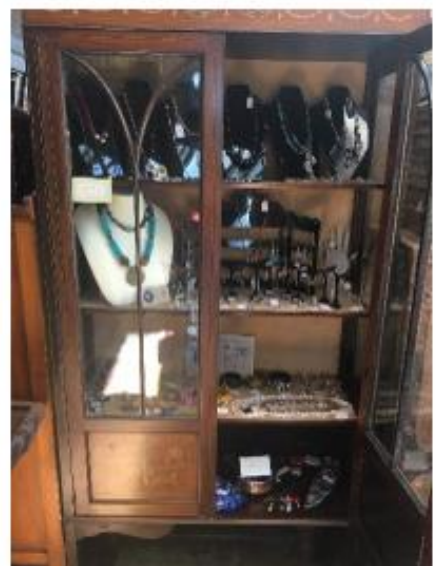


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### USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Wamboin Golf – May 2019

Mahogany Ridge, Sunday 5 May. Wasn't the federal election campaign absolutely thrilling? Your correspondent has never been so engaged in the political process. Well, not since he stood unsuccessfully for room at the trough in the last local government elections. (And no, I haven't forgotten how I was comprehensively rejected by an ungrateful electorate. The blisters on my soul are yet to heal.) But putting that aside, I didn't realise there was so much more to exercising the franchise than simply walking into the polling booth and donkey voting above the line. First, there's the comprehensive and fascinating statistics. One mob promised – on a stack of bibles - to cut personal and company taxes by...um...er...let me see....oh, at least two million dollars. Or was it ten. Maybe it was 10 billion. But, anyway it was an impressive amount. Not to be outdone the other crowd swore on Karl Marx's grave to do the same but make sure "the big end of town" (probably the top end of Gibraltar Street to the railway station) didn't get any of it. Gob-smacking stuff! And, to top it off, both outfits are going to put us back into a surplise in a year or two. Why we're all going to have to wear loose-fitting ecclesiastical garments is beyond me, but if it's good for the economy I'm all for it. But, hold on, it gets more interesting. There's a feisty little outfit that identifies itself by a colour I tend to associate with hospital corridors and pea soup. Apparently a principal aim of their campaign is to stop the construction of a public toilet somewhere in Queensland. You know what I'm talking about - you've seen them on the news shouting "Stop a dunny! Stop a dunny!"

Now at this point you're wondering at the relevance of all this to the sacred game of golf at Wamboin. Well, brace yourselves for a shock. For the first time in over 30 years the game was postponed until Sunday, 19 May. The reason? A clearing sale on a property which hosts two of the holes of the Wamboin golf course. But wait, there's more: we may even lose those holes if the new owners, unlikely as this sounds, are not golfers. Teeth are being gnashed as we go to press. However, all is not lost. The ingenious residents of this nuclear-and-drone-free parish are even now working on a solution. Watch this space. Meanwhile, if this epistle reaches you in time please feel free to join us at the hall on Bingley Way at 12.15pm on Sunday, 19 May for the customary 12.30pm kick off for the delayed Merrie Month of May golf day. And remember, the Deadly Serious Party needs your vote. They are the only ones who will tell you the whole and unadorned truth: they have no better idea how to run this country than anyone else, but one thing is for sure. We're better off than some parliamentary democracies you could name and way ahead of the dictatorships and totalitarian states.

Mahogany Ridge, Sunday 19 May. Your correspondent is writing this still bleary-eyed from watching 10 solid hours of election coverage the night before. So I might get a few things wrong. But first the golf. Regular readers will recall that the May comp had to be postponed. However, what a beautiful day it was! The day was sponsored by the Lords of Air and Water – Paul Griffin and Tim Barter, whom we thank for the prizes and Diana for the eats. Play was scored on the Stableford system which is a bit like preferential voting – you go for the swan but get the turkey. And so it came to pass that, fresh from donkeying the little green slip and bugging up the big white one, we finally dragged ourselves away from the Wheels of Wamboin and took to the course.

Back at the tally room, as the captain discarded all the informal votes, we took stock of the three-ring circus of the night before. Unless my memory deceives me it went like this: at about 7pm, Bill Abbreviate, sucked in by the exit polls, enters a luxury hotel in the big end of Melbourne town to claim victory. He thanks the lovely Zoe, Bob Hawke, GetUp and the CMMFEU and promises to govern for all Australians except those who didn't vote for him. At approx. 7.15pm SloMo, alerted by his minders, stumbles out of the Cronulla Leagues Club to concede. He congratulates the abbreviated one and says he fought the good fight but came up short. The Good Lord giveth and the Good Lord taketh away. Go Sharks! At about 9pm Bill realises Labor has been done in the eye by the pre-polling which didn't factor in the promised socialist utopia cunningly revealed late in the campaign. Clutching Floey's hand he tearfully accepts defeat, blaming all those who didn't vote for him, and tenders his resignation. There isn't a dry eye in the place as all around gnash their expensive orthodontics while they work their smart phones seeking alternative well-paid employment. Meanwhile over at the ABC they're jumping out of the windows or reaching for the knotted ropes and the rusty razors. At around 9.20pm SloMo slips down the front stairs of the Cronulla RLFC declaring that he's always believed in Miracle margarine. He thanks his family, Hillsong and Bob Hawke. He thanks Zali Steggles for ridding him of "that meddlesome priest" in Warringah (and for all the frozen chooks for the after-party). He swears he'll govern for all Australians apart from etc, etc (see above). Then we turned over to the semi-final of the Eurovision song contest where the voting really is rigged.

The captain introduced our guests, Ian and Sue Picker from up the road, Gerry and Yvette Mander from Queensland and Ginger and Theo Vitas from Red Gums in Victoria. Ted Evans entertained the crowd with stories old and new. The googly ball went to Col Urquhart who spent the last four months looking for a lost 5-iron only to learn that the set of clubs he bought on Gumtree didn't include one! The dummy spit was awarded to the Incredible Sulk, Vicki Still, for throwing numerous tanties on the course but still managing some marvellous strokes. A new award, the Birthday Award, went to Ken Gordon. NTP and LD ball winners were Tim Barter 3, Vicki Still 2, Ken Gordon 2, Colin Urquhart 2 and Alex Gordon who was also the junior comp winner with 25 Stableford points. Runner-up was Madison Gordon 21 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Phoebe Beckett 16. It was a day for the gay Gordons: Ken won the nine hole comp with 21 points from Deb on 20. Victory in the 18 hole comp went to Pete Harrison 37 from Vicki Still 32. Our sponsors played well but unfortunately they cannot, by tradition, win a major prize. And a damn good thing, too. Congratulations to all participants.

Join us at 12.15pm on Sunday, 2 June at the community hall for another exciting challenge in hand/eye coordination. We will be discussing the ACT's new animal rights legislation and asking the question: should kangaroos get the vote? – Larry King, golfer. With considerable, but unsuspecting, help from John Cosgrove.



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## Planting at Wamboin Community Hall

Eight volunteers from Gearys Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group spent a few hours on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May planting correa around the fence line of the playground area at the Wamboin Hall. This will beautify the area and provide food for small birds such as our local honeyeaters. About 150 carex were also planted in the drain surrounding the newly renovated car park area to help prevent erosion as water rushes down from all the rain we will be getting soon! These plants were all propagated by our local members so they are hardy plants suitable for this area.

These same volunteers plus others including some of our RFS volunteers were responsible for the planting in the Firefighters' Memorial Grove and have continued to regularly water these plants over many months. As a result the plants are thriving and many have flowered already despite the very hot summer we experienced this year. This is living proof that plants can and do grow in Wamboin despite the rock and lack of soil. If you want to learn how to achieve similar results you can join our local Landcare Group. We meet monthly for propagation activities and do occasional plantings such as the one described above. Please contact the secretary, Noela McDonald on [ggw.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:ggw.landcare@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The next stage of the Wamboin Hall project will be more planting along the bank surrounding the oval. – Vicki Still



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### May Rainfall Stats

May rainfall to the 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 42.5mm  
 2019 total rainfall to 26/5..... 213.0mm

Average May rainfall..... 45.5mm  
 2018 May rainfall..... 12.75mm  
 2018 total rainfall to 26/5..... 158.75mm  
 43yr Av. to end of May..... 266.6mm

### June Rainfall Stats

2018 June rainfall..... 35.5mm  
 Wettest June..... 178.25mm in 2016  
 Wettest June day..... 84.75mm on 6/6/16  
 Driest June..... 0mm in 2017

Average June rainfall..... 55.2mm  
 Average no. rain days in June.... 10.0  
 Highest no. rain days..... 22 in 1978  
 Lowest no. rain days..... 0 in 2017

### June Temperature Stats

Hottest June day.. 17°C on 7/6/01 & 8/6/17  
 Coldest June day..... 3°C (4 times)  
 9/6/11, 24/6/14, 30/6/14 & 25/6/16  
 Average day temp. .... 9.7°C  
 Coldest June..... 2015  
 Av. max day temp. 7.5°C & night -0.3°C  
 (lowest -0.6°C in 2001)  
 June 2018. Av. max 12.2°C & min 2.4°C

Av. June temp.... 6.3°C (day+night comb.)  
 Hottest June night..... 11°C (7 times)  
 1991 (5 times) & 1995 (2 times)  
 Coldest June night..... -6°C on 9/6/96  
 Average night temp. .... 2.9°C  
 Warmest June..... 1991  
 Av. min day temp. 12.5°C & night 7°C  
 (highest 13.2°C in 2017)

Until 26<sup>th</sup> May the average day temperature was 17.7°C, which is 4.4°C above the 43 year average of 13.3°C and 1.1°C above the previous hottest May in 2018, with a daily average of 16.8°C. The average night temperature was 4.9°C which is 0.3°C below the 43 year average. Despite recording the equal hottest May night of 14°C on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The average May night temperature in 2018 was 3.6°C.

*The six coldest weeks occur after the winter solstice which is on 21 June*

## Weeds In Our Region – What Can We Do? Sutton Landcare Group - 11 June 2019

On 11 June 2019, 7.30, Brett Lees, Senior Biosecurity Officer for the Yass Valley Council, will join the Sutton Landcare Group for our June meeting. As usual we will meet at the Sutton Primary School from 7.30pm. We will talk about the new Yass Valley Council weed strategy: The weed Action Plan. Also discuss the inventory Sutton Landcare Group did of prevalent weeds in our area of concern to residents of Sutton and surrounds. We will discuss how Landcare and Yass Valley Biosecurity Staff can collaborate to manage our most invasive and persistent weeds through chemical, mechanical and biological control and best land management practices. Following the presentation, supper will be provided with an opportunity to talk further with Brett Lees. For further information on Sutton Landcare Group, please contact our secretary on [sutton.landcare@gmail.com](mailto:sutton.landcare@gmail.com).

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## Nature Notes May 2019

Jo Walker

We've reached the last month of autumn and there hasn't been a noticeable frost here yet – and we are still getting the occasional sunny day with a temperature of 20 degrees. The two days of rain at the beginning of the month put enough moisture in the surface soil to green the countryside up a bit.

Some of the prickly *Acacia genistifolia* bushes are covered in cream flowers, but they are the only bit of colour in the landscape at present -although the Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) have quite advanced clusters of buds.

On a lower level, rosettes of Scaly Buttons (*Leptorhynchos squamatus*) and Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*) are making an appearance in the moister areas. As the climate gets drier, daisies seem to be taking over here with sheets of the dainty little New Holland Daisy (*Vittadinia muelleri*) covering the hillsides in places.

The Little Dumpy Orchids (*Diplodium truncatum*) also benefited from the rain earlier in the month as there are now sizeable patches of their little rosettes of bright green leaves emerging from the soil.

The lack of insects seems to be continuing, resulting in the disappearance of the smaller insect-eating birds. I have seen Scarlet Robins a few times recently, but the White-browed Scrub-wrens, Superb Blue Wrens and the little flocks of the various Thornbills have mostly disappeared from my place. The two Mudlarks seem to have found a good food source though – they have been paddling along the muddy edge of the dam catching some aquatic insects in the shallow water.

I hadn't seen bats here for a while, but recently saw a solitary one flying around near the house one evening. I'm not sure if it was finding much to eat as there are very few flying insects coming to the windows at night.

The ants seem to be flourishing though and Meat Ant nests are increasing, and there is plenty of evidence of Echidna diggings

I hadn't seen any fresh Wombat droppings for a while, but recently there was a newly disturbed pile of soil outside one of the burrows below the dam so at least one of them is still around. Although many of the Wombats in this state are suffering from serious infestations of the mites causing often lethal mange, the animals I've seen here appear healthy.

The first Kangaroo joey of the season has just had its first tentative exploration of its surroundings, but a lot of the females in the mob don't seem to have joeys in their pouches yet.

In a few days' time it will be the first day of winter – even though it doesn't quite feel like it yet!

## Fireworks Night Raffle Prizes

The annual Wamboin Community Fireworks will be held on Saturday night, 31 August 2019. If you own a local business, please consider donating a prize for the traditional Fireworks Night Raffle to be drawn on the night. Recognition of each donor will be given in the Wamboin Whisper and on the Wamboin Community Association Website. We try to have a number of prizes so as to attract buyers of the raffle tickets. Proceeds go to the Wamboin Community Association. If you can help, please contact [diana.boswell@wamboincommunity.asn.au](mailto:diana.boswell@wamboincommunity.asn.au) - Diana Boswell, Wamboin Community Association Committee member.

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Wheels event, we only just fitted! The queue for Lou's coffee was as long as the one to vote! Thanks Lou and Ange for keeping everyone happy! Many thanks to Bruce, Will and Sam and Maddie for their help with setting up and putting away tables and chairs.

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Melissa's particular interest is birds – they're her passion. She likes their different and constantly changing care needs. At one stage she had five emu chicks in care and another time, six tawny frogmouths. Each one becomes a favourite, especially galahs due to their personalities, but overall she doesn't have a preference: "Whatever I've got, I fall in love with."

While some rescues are simple, Melissa enjoys those "where you do have to think a bit more and be strategic," such as when birds have fishing line caught around a leg, but are still mobile. "It can be tricky trying to out-think them", she said, and can "require building trust over a few days". One rescue involved wading through murky water to a cygnet (young swan) that had become separated from its parents and gone over a weir. The lucky bird was not injured, but needed checking and then release back to its family.

Injured and sick birds can be a challenge, but Melissa finds that when rehabilitation works, it is especially rewarding: "Sometimes the best gift we give to seriously injured or ill wildlife is to end their suffering, and knowing when it isn't in the best interest of the animal to continue on is a difficult but essential skill."

A particular interest is how to best support birds with traumatic wounds that in the past may have required euthanasia. With a background in healthcare – as a nurse/midwife, Melissa's understanding of basic pathophysiology can be applied to animals in dealing with dehydration, wounds, organ damage, nutrition, healing, disease management and infection control.



Lessons are constantly being learned. For example, a bird with wing damage might need a small enclosure for better healing; more space isn't always best. Also, the healing process shouldn't be rushed. Communicating with other carers is essential to draw on experience and knowledge in dealing with particular animals. Melissa believes she couldn't do it without those discussions and a network, and that "emotional support is necessary because the work that we do is at times very hard".

A barn owl called Barnaby is a case example of slow progress over many months, after being hit by a car and sustaining serious head and eye trauma. This has shown Melissa that "so long as there is improvement and the animal is not distressed, it is worth continuing with rehabilitation". He remains in care and time will tell how he goes.

A recent highlight for Melissa was the prolonged rescue, and then release, of 'Christina the Complicated Cocky' – a sulphur crested cockatoo entangled on a cable above the Queanbeyan river. The rescue took days of planning and perseverance, and while it was a "frustrating rollercoaster ride", Melissa was stunned that Christina had no serious injuries and could be released after 10 days in care. Even though it was the most stressful rescue she'd done, it was amazing to see Christina fly away back to her flock.

Melissa sees the main issues facing wildlife as the increasing impacts from heat events, bushfires and droughts. While some species will adapt, many will not. Some are perceived by the public, as a nuisance, when native food sources are no longer available and animals move into urban environments. She said: "They are just trying to live their little wild lives as best they can, faced with many challenges including of course those inflicted by humans. Our job is to help them continue to live their lives, back in the wild, by helping when they come unstuck."

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A record breaking attendance of around 260 marvellous automotive masterpieces made it the 2019 democracy edition of the Wheels of Wamboin. Held in conjunction with the homemade markets and of course the Federal election polling booth the near perfect weather, combined to deliver a huge roll up of cars and very appreciative crowd. As usual the wide and varied range of cars was what made the day special. From a superb T model Ford to two Tesla's, the day showcased 100 years of motoring progress with every era represented.

The Torana's showed up with a great display along with a great selection of the Generals best. The FJ's and FX's showed Holden's early years right up to the last of the Commodores and just about everything in between. The Fords started with the T model, some great pre-war saloons thru to the most recent including a rare 5.8 XC Cobra and a red hot RPO XA GT coupe. Throw in a couple of Chargers and a few more great Valiants (including a Centura) and it was enough to bring a tear to any patriotic Australian car fan. Even the Gemini's turned up.



The American icons were there with Corvettes, a bevy of great Mustangs, a Camaro, along with a rare Ford Sunliner (watch that entire roof retract to the boot), also a rare 1966 7 Litre Galaxie and the sensational 57 Chevy Bel Air. A modern Roush Mustang also sent many drooling and dreaming. The Blues Brothers turned up in their bash car complete with loudspeaker and lights (he said he was on a mission from God).

A roll up of Porches, Citroens, Fiats, BMW's kept the continental crowd gazing with a stunning 246 Dino and Renault Alpine also enjoying the sun. The old dart provided eye candy with a Bentley to celebrate 100 years of Bentley, Rolls Royce including a Rolls Royce inspired Golf Buggy, a strong Armstrong Siddeley display, a line of MG's, mini's were celebrating 60 years of inspiring the motoring world, Jaguars from the 60's, 80's and present and a variety of British classics from every era including a series one Landrover which are on a restoration resurgence. There was a Riley Elf, (hands up if you have seen one of them before) and even a restored Bedford truck made the display. The Japanese were not left out with a GTR, a host of Toyota's (including a neat FJ40), Mazda's, a great pristine Honda 600 Scamp and even a 1962 Datsun Bluebird estate. The two Tesla's first time appearances attracted very keen interest from onlookers. This is the first time we have their marque to the show and they generated much discussion amongst the crowd. A sign of things to come no doubt. One car we did

miss was a regular in Paul McEwen in his rare Swallow Doretis. Unfortunately Paul could not attend this year and we wish him well and hope to see him and his great cars next year.

The People's Choice Award sponsored by Contentious Character Wines went to an absolutely stunning 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Four Door Hardtop.

A big thanks to Shannon's Insurance as the event sponsor, Contentious Character Wines, the Wamboin RFS for helping on the day, Meriel for coordinating the Homemade markets and Lou for making sure the coffee was plentiful. Also thanks to ScoMo for choosing May the 18<sup>th</sup> as the election date. See you all next year (who knows maybe we will call for another election to boost our numbers again). For photos of the day go to our Wheels of Wamboin Facebook page.

## The Wonderful Women of Wamboin

### Gail Ritchie Knight

The Wonderful Women of Wamboin continue to meet once a week, catching up with friends. Last month we learnt how to make fabric boxes led by our indefatigable Liz. Some of us continued to make drainage bags for breast cancer patients. It seems the need will never end.

Also during May we were treated to a delightful performance by Merle, one of our younger WWOW. She is a belly dancer who started when she was pregnant. In fact, she performed when she was eight months pregnant. She said having a belly is good. Dancing has been a part of her life since she was four years old and over the years she has enjoyed many forms of dance including ballet, tap, ball room, jazz, contemporary, fusion and African.

Merle attends classes in Canberra and the students perform for the public including at folk and multicultural festivals. She said belly dancing is very good for our mental health. It's not just about dancing. The students have become a community socialising and supporting each other. There is also a world-wide group of belly dancers, of which she is a part, who raise money for charities based on women's issues by synchronising a flash mob performance across the globe. We learnt that belly dancing comprises a variety of styles and costumes. Our very talented Merle even

makes her own costumes. She looked stunning as she performed for us. She said she loves to because it gives her a chance to dress up. And perform she did — we were mesmerised.

All women are welcome. We meet at St Andrew's church, corner of Norton and Poppet Roads, Wamboin on Mondays 10 am-noon. For more information contact Gail Ritchie Knight 0416 097 500 [whirlwind1@argonite.com.au](mailto:whirlwind1@argonite.com.au).



## Bird Of The Month

By Luke Downey

For June I chose the Superb Fairywren, a common species that is quite interesting. Let me explain why.

### Superb Fairywren (*Malurus cyaneus*)

Size: 13-14cm

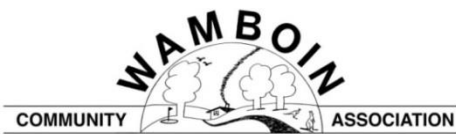
Status: Very common breeding resident

The Superb Fairywren, is an iconic Australian bird which is familiar with most people, so today I will be explaining some of the more unusual facts about this bird. But first, a few basic things. Fairywrens are a small bird with a long tail. They are commonly seen hopping on the ground and in low bushes in their small complex family structures. The female is brown all over with paler underparts. The male has a distinct blue and black head and blue tail when breeding (typically during summer). Non-breeding males resemble females. Non-breeding males are distinguished from females by their black (not reddish) bill and sometimes they also have a blue tail. The call is a series of twittering noises, and the alarm call is harsher and more constant. Other names include Jenny wren, blue wren and superb blue wren. Now, here are some interesting facts you may not know about fairywrens. There are 29 species in the fairywren family (Maluridae) including 15 fairywrens, 3 emu-wrens and 11 grasswrens,



Male (Photos from Google images) Female

most of which are endemic to Australia. Only 1 species of fairywren is found in Wamboin, but at the coast, 2 other species are also found, the Variegated Fairywren (*Malurus lamberti*) and the Southern Emu-wren (*Stipiturus malachurus*), which has a tail like an emu feather. A group of wrens is called a herd or a chime. Their nest is a small dome shape with a small round opening on the front. It is located in a dense bush. The eggs are tiny, and are white with speckles. The young resemble females. These birds have a unique ability to detect cuckoo eggs in their nest by calling to the baby chicks inside their eggs. If they respond they are fairywrens, if not the eggs are removed.



## Wamboin Community Association Inc. (WCA) 21 May 2019 General Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Hon Treasurer, Keith France, as the President and Vice-President were unable to attend the meeting. Attendees heard from WCA Committee and general members, as well as other local community groups, about the extensive efforts of members of our community to enhance, for all residents, the livability and enjoyment of our rural-residential area.

### Outline of topics discussed:

**Wheels of Wamboin & Home Produce Market, 18 May:** The meeting agreed that the Wheels of Wamboin on election day, combined with the outdoor Wamboin market, were great successes. Considerable sums of money were donated by Wheels entrants that will be passed onto the Wamboin Fire Brigade to support their fine work for our community.

**Council:** Cr Pete Harrison advised that the Council meeting scheduled for the following evening would discuss the staff recommendation that the E4 Environmental Living parts of Wamboin & Bywong retain that zoning, in light of the consultants' findings about flora and fauna biodiversity.


**Hall Management Committee and Fire Brigade:** The meeting noted with appreciation the road and drainage works that had been completed at the hall, under the auspices of the Fire Brigade, enhancing the amenity of the hall and the operations of the Brigade.

**Wamboin Whisper:** Editor Ned Noel thanked all who had contributed by writing for, advertising in or delivering the April *Whisper*, noting that more than 100 people do a part of the process each month.

**Fireworks & Bonfire:** Sam Urquhart advised that this event will be held on Sat. 31 August 2019: please note your calendar.

*The WCA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except January) at 7:30 pm at the Wamboin Community Hall, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019. All welcome.*


David McDonald, Hon. Secretary, Wamboin Community Association, Inc.



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## Aboriginal Wamboin: the Millpost Stone Axe Quarry Aboriginal Place

By David McDonald, email david [at] dnmcdonald.id.au, phone 0416 231 860

*In our community's spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the country on which we live, Wamboin and Bywong.*

Aboriginal people have lived in our area for many thousands of years. We will never know their full story as it was lost when European settlers occupied these lands, commencing in the 1820s, displacing the traditional custodians.

That is why a ceremony, held on 'Millpost' station in the southern part of Wamboin on 21 May 2019, was so important. It was a wonderful occasion, hosted by Judith Turley and David Watson, the landholders of 'Millpost', to commemorate the Gazettal of the Millpost Stone Axe Quarry Aboriginal Place. The site lies a little under 5 km due south of Wamboin's Wirreanda Road/Ryans Road intersection.

Welcomes to Country were given by Ngambri Elder Aunty Matilda House and Ngunawal Elder Uncle Wally Bell. Three other speakers enlarged on their remarks about the significance of the Aboriginal Place. They were Dave Johnston (archaeologist and Director, Aboriginal Archaeologists Australia, the person who first identified the site as being an Aboriginal stone axe quarry); David Watson (landholder); and Barina South from the NSW Government's Office of Environment and Heritage. All the speakers emphasised the exemplary partnerships involved in the process of having the site declared an Aboriginal Place under State heritage legislation, demonstrating how private landholders can partner with Aboriginal people and organisations, and with the State Government, to protect and promote Aboriginal heritage sites on their properties.

The Aboriginal Place was Gazetted on 29 June 2018. The Gazette notice reads as follows:

### Millpost Stone Axe Quarry Aboriginal Place:

Pursuant to section 84 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, I, the Minister for the Environment, being of the opinion that the place known as the Millpost Stone Axe Quarry is, and was, of special significance to Aboriginal culture, declare the lands described in Schedule "A" as an Aboriginal Place.

The values for which the Millpost Stone Axe Quarry Aboriginal Place has been assessed as being significant to Aboriginal culture include, but are not limited to, the site being an important source of basalt (dolerite) which is a key stone material highly sought after for making stone axe heads. The basalt (dolerite) was also used as a trading commodity for the Ngambri and Ngunawal peoples with neighboring Aboriginal nations of south eastern Australia including the Ngarigo people. The exchange of basalt (dolerite) axe heads would have occurred during the large intertribal gatherings of Aboriginal groups that passed through the area for such events as the feasting of the Bogong moths. - The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment, Sydney this 18th day of June 2018

This text is also found, along with other information about the site, in the State Heritage Inventory, online at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=5066439>. An excellent twelve-minute movie, 'The quarry', made by Stuart Cohen of Bottlebrush Media, provides additional information about, and images of, the site: <https://vimeo.com/184172289>. The 21 May 2019 ceremony will form the basis of a forthcoming 'Landline' feature on ABC TV. Also of interest is that another Aboriginal Place in our area was Gazetted recently: the Gollion Ochre Quarry Aboriginal Place in the Springrange area north-west of Sutton, also on a pastoral property: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?id=5066529>.

Dolerite, the rock which provided the resource for axe-making on 'Millpost', occurs as outcrops in the ancient Ordovician sediments that compose most of the rocks of Wamboin and Bywong. Gibraltar Hill, immediately east of Bungendore, is also dolerite, the molten form of which intruded into the Ordovician sediments in the Silurian period, 443 to 419 million years ago. If you have outcrops of basalt-like rock on your property, it may be well worth investigating them for signs of Aboriginal use of the rocks for toolmaking.




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Having an identified Aboriginal Place in Wamboin is of great significance. As the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage explains, 'Aboriginal places protect areas of land that have recognised values of significance to Aboriginal people...When proposing a declaration of an Aboriginal Place, a formal management plan by the landowner/land manager or occupiers with agreement with the Aboriginal community should be prepared'. Judith and David, the landholders, have indicated that they will continue to work with other stakeholders (including Aboriginal communities) to develop the outstanding environmental, research, educational, cultural and reconciliation values of the quarry site.



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Connie & Hans Bachor	Dnly Dr to Macs Rf Rd incl Bchm Gr	35	Daryl Bourke	Harriot Rd	28
Nora Stewart	Rovere Ln	7	Sandra Favre	Newwington Rd	20
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### **From the Corner**

**Building Uses**—Following in the general vein of my previous couple of columns, from time to time I am presented with situations that arise through misunderstandings in relation to what uses a structure may be put. I touched on this subject some years back when discussing ‘Change of Use’, and it relates to the whole issue of permissible and ancillary land uses.

For the new rural resident, it is often tempting to look at one’s significantly-larger-than-the-traditional-urban-block land holding and let one’s imagination run wild with the uses to which these wide open spaces could be put. In most cases, if no formal structures are involved, or if structures are relatively small and temporary in nature—a chook run, greenhouse or the like—these uses will be ancillary in nature and require no further consideration.

While formal structures will generally require some form of approval, either as complying development or through the council DA process, it is important to appreciate that the use to which the structure is put, particularly if that changes at some point in time, may also require approval. In this regard, something like a detached garage, or workshop, that is built in conjunction with a dwelling and will only be used for ancillary purposes—i.e. simply supporting the day to day activities of residents of the dwelling—will not involve any additional approval. As we have previously noted, things can get a little more complicated if the use of any structure takes on a ‘life of its own’.

I once encountered one, ultimately very disappointed new resident who purchased an established five-acre property with a view to building a shed from which to operate his furniture manufacturing business. In this case, it would really have been a good idea to check the local regulations, particularly the permissible land uses in a rural residential area, before purchasing the property. Quite apart from that, it would also have been a good idea to give some consideration to how the well-established neighbours might react to the impact of such a proposal on the quiet, rural amenity of the area.

As it is, while “home industry”, defined as “a dwelling (or a building ancillary to a dwelling) used by one or more permanent residents of the dwelling to carry out an industrial activity”, is permitted in our rural residential areas, a furniture manufacturing business was unlikely to be able to satisfy the associated conditions, which included that it not interfere with the amenity of the neighbourhood.

In this case, the construction of a shed (of appropriate size) would probably have been permissible, but the use to which it was proposed to be put was not. Note that the owner could have used a shed for the pursuit of a ‘hobby’, such as woodworking or furniture restoration, that could be classified as an ancillary land use. However, as soon as the use could be classified as a dominant purpose in its own right, and any commercial use will generally satisfy this test, it would be subject to formal development consent for that use. This would be the case even if an activity started out as a ‘hobby’.

If you think you may be sailing close to the wind with anything you are doing, my general advice is to make sure that you have a good relationship with your neighbours (council most often gets involved as a result of a complaint), especially any who might be impacted by the activities in question. In this respect, it is good to remember that what might be ‘music’ to one person’s ear, or a thing of beauty in the eye of one beholder, may be quite the opposite to another.

**The QPR Blog**—New or related entries in my Blog (<http://peteharrison.id.au/blog>) include:

- Building Uses (revisited) (May 2019)
- Permissible Land Uses (April 2019)
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## Wamboin Muse

Jill Gregory

It's been a glorious autumn; some soft foggy mornings, a few frosts to get us going, gentle breezes, and although a little more rain would be ideal one can't deny that most days have been spectacular. Warmth, sunshine and beautiful sunsets before the day closes in early and the temperature drops. But as some dour individual once said, "all good things come to an end". I can feel winter's icy tentacles menacingly close.

Wamboin certainly came alive in the middle of the month with Wheels of Wamboin, the Markets and voting in the Federal Election all on the same brilliantly sunny day. The voting queue snaked around the side of the hall, but people were patient, chatting to friends and strangers alike, and there was a general feeling of goodwill. Certainly political allegiances didn't seem to dominate conversation. All seemed relieved that Election day had finally come and campaign politics would be over. But I couldn't help thinking how fortunate we are to be able to hold our own views regardless of others' opinions, disagree without conflict and cast our votes without fear. But obviously campaign politics and political debate, unlike autumn, can't be a good thing because our airwaves are still filled with political babble. I just take a deep breath and shrug my shoulders, my civic duty done.

As well as casting my vote, I wandered around and had a look at the cars. I was especially taken by a "Hairy Lime" Mini, a dwarf amongst giants. Once upon a time I had effortlessly climbed into the likes of it, driven fearlessly and got out still capable of standing upright and moving. I don't furl and unfurl as easily these days! And this time I needed a slightly bigger car, not just for the ease of getting into but to transport the native plants I'd bought at the Landcare stall.

I have taken much pleasure in the colours of my autumn garden, but once my eyes wandered beyond the reds and golds I realised that there were many holes and ugly, untidy spots that needed attention.

Familiarity makes bare patches easy to overlook and more so when it's too hot and dry to do much about it. Mostly our holes are where the bush meets the garden and where we've removed dead wattles. I needed to re plant natives. Correas of all types have been a favourite for some time, and westringias and prostantheras even better; too aromatic I suspect for much of the wildlife. But you can have too much of a good thing. I decided to take advice and diversify. As a consequence I ended up with over 30 tube stock and no real plan except to "fill holes". Now it's far easier to fill a hole in this landscape than to dig a hole, even

a small one, but I set to work.... The wheelbarrow was loaded with tube stocks, metal tent pegs and my trusty "digger"; a sturdy well crafted hand fork. Buckets of water and wire cages dangled from the shafts. Planting was slow but over a couple of days I'd found an appropriate home for most plants and they were in the ground, caged and circled with rocks. The kangaroos watched disapprovingly. They'd lost their lolling grounds. But the last few plants presented a problem. I'd used up all those that were happy to tolerate drought and heavy frosts and were left with those that "preferred moist well drained soils". Where was I to find that! I pushed my barrow around in ever decreasing circles, scratching the dirt between rocks and despairing. Out of ideas I determined that they'd just have to toughen up and make the best of things; do or die. They were duly planted, protected and watered with good luck, and in the end they will grow or die regardless of my desires. Nature has a will of its own.

And now to bunker down for winter, put on the jumpers, beanies, gloves and thick woollen socks, and wait to see what good things come in spring. I wouldn't live anywhere else.



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